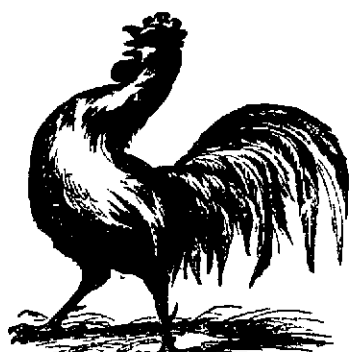


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Every purchaser of \$5.00 worth of goods, from our large and well-selected retail stock, consisting of

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Will be presented with a ticket, entitling the holder to one share in the FREE GIFT DISTRIBUTION of the following

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- 35.00 SET HARNESS, from
- 20.00 "SUIT"
- J. W. Tyler
- 20.00 YOUTH'S SUIT
- 22.00 TAPOR STOVE, three
- 15.00 "OVERCOAT"
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- 40.00 SEWING MACHINE

To be given away March 1st, 1883. Please call and settle your accounts at once and get your tickets.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Jan 15 d&wt

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Here is that load of Coal you ordered from CALDWELL about fifteen minutes ago



Office with American Express Co., P. O. Block. Dec 7-11

!! A NEW ENTERPRISE !!

Long experience has satisfied us of the necessity in Decatur for an EXCLUSIVELY PAINT AND ARTISTS STORE, Stock being Selected and Handled by Practical Workmen

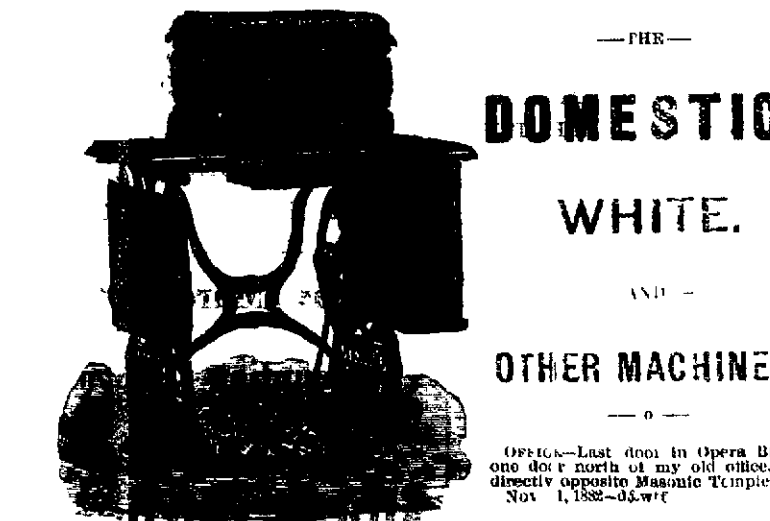
HOUSE AND CARRIAGE PAINTERS.

Such as—Leads, Oils, Putty, Turpentine, Varnishes of all kinds, 1/2 dozen Dryers, Lithograph—Wood Fillers—Brushes of all grades, sizes and quality, Colors—Lays—In—Dry—Distemper—Japans—in a word, everything in their line. Also, a full assortment of ARTISTS' MATERIALS—Paints—Colors—Brushes—Putty—Turpentine—Varnishes—Plagues—Brushes—Pencils—Mahlsticks—Crayons—French Pastel Crayons, assortment of all colors and tints—Japan, Linum, &c., &c. Ladies and gentlemen artists, please examine our stock. Our Paint Shop is in the rear of the store, where we are prepared to execute in the latest style of the best writing, fancy and ornamental work. We also do all kinds of painting in oil, water, or distemper, on canvas, paper, or wood. For a common term to the finest. We keep always a first class workman for all kinds of work. We keep always a first class workman for all kinds of work. We keep always a first class workman for all kinds of work.

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SEWING MACHINES AND SUPPLIES,



W. N. GRINDOL. Dealer in all kinds of AMERICAN AND ITALIAN MARBLE

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Farms for Sale!

E. O. SMITH

Is desirous of selling a

PORTION OF HIS FARMING LAND

situated in Mason county, near Dalton and

Harvey City. For particulars inquire of

GEO. W. BRIGHT,

DECATUR NATIONAL BANK,

or O. L. KENDALL, Dalton City, who will show

particulars hereon. May 13, 1882-d&wt

A Good Little Boy.

Chicago Tribune

Charles was a little boy who loved his

mother dearly, and whenever she told him

anything he was very careful to obey.

One day in the spring, when the birds were

singing and the buds on the apple trees were

almost ready to burst into beautiful white blossoms,

Charles asked his mother for ten cents

to buy marbles, for the ground was getting

dry, and other boys were beginning to enjoy

their favorite sport. "You can have the

money, my son," said the mother, "but you

must promise me not to play for keeps, and

every night that you can come home and tell

me truthfully that you have not disobeyed

your mamma, I will give you a large red

apple." And then she kissed him fondly, and

he went gladly away to school.

But before Charles went very far he met

Thomas Tough, who was a bad boy. Charles

thought Thomas about his ten cents that his

mother had given him to buy marbles with,

and also told him not to play for keeps until

he was willing to go without his apple.

When Thomas heard this he said "Give me

the marbles that you are going to buy, and I

will play with them for keeps and after school

is out will divide what I have won, for I am

a superior player. Then you can truthfully

tell your mother that you have not been

playing for keeps, and will receive the red

apple."

So Charles gave his marbles to Thomas, and

after school was out asked him how many mar-

bles he had won.

"I did not win," replied Thomas, "I struck a

bad crowd, and lost."

Then Charles was sad, for he was a pretty

light hearted boy, and he began to cry. But

presently he said to Thomas "You are a

naughty boy and I hate you very much."

And then Thomas hit Charles in the nose,

and threw him down in the dirt, making his

pain look very bad indeed.

So when Charles reached home he told his

pages all about his troubles. When he had

finished, his page said to him "You don't know

as much as Thomas's cold, and I am regret-

ting to take a crack at you myself."

Then he gave Charles a good looking, and

sent him to bed without any supper. And

when Charles had lain on his stomach for a

while, because he felt more comfortable that

way, he thought of the red apple which he

had won. "Do you not think he had a great

head, children?" I do.

Value of Fiction for Rest and Recre-

ation.

Minneapolis Tribune

The human mind, and especially the tired

human mind, craves fiction, the outgrowth of

one vigorous imagination exerting in another

the same feelings of pathos or pleasure.

Novel writing can be and is perverted to bad

ends, but eschewing all forms of sensational

literature which must excite the base pas-

sions and hold up unreal views of life, we

have no hesitancy in stating our belief that

the tired brain worker, a good novel is a boon.

Take, for example a man who is harassed

and worried with business affairs. He knows

that out of business hours he needs a perfect

rest, that in order to cope with difficulties suc-

cessfully, he needs the clear head which is

secured only by keeping his mind from brood-

THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

An Quotation from the Preface of Hold-

back Reminiscences, of Ohio.

Detroit Free Press.

"My friends," he began, "I have been invited

to speak to you on the subject of science. I have

no doubt that some of you have heard of word

spoken, or seen it in print at some time, but

how little the majority of you have about real

science! Science has a long and hard struggle,

but she is now on top of the heap and her reward

is to be forgiven her enemies. How do we

know that she is on top of the heap? Science

told us. How do we know how to cross the

ocean? Science told us. How do we know

that the great desert of Sahara was once

an ocean? Science has dug up down an fossil

shells and sharks' jaw-bones. Without

science we should be a world without over-

coats in winter or sody-water in summer. We

would fall from harvest apples and pick

up our heads without knowing whether our

season or agitations made us calm down in-

stead of going up. We should see the moon,

same as now, but some would say it was in-

habited by monkeys and others would have

an idea that it was a splendid locality for

a residential grove. I am would not say it

is a war of things on the roof, but man

would go round blithering for the fact that

fifty miles away an' it was held in place by

wires.

Here the orator paused to scratch his back

and take another drink of water, and amidst a

stiffness almost solemn he continued:

"Science has done much, but it hasn't done

enough. It has made the mariner's compass,

but we have no mariners' ships what? how

logged men in their way up home

and of crook straightened while they wait

it has given us steam, but we still crawl under

the house to thaw out frozen water-pipes de-

scribed the Roman senators did 2,000 years ago

but what man among you ever set eyes on a

book-jack which wouldn't miss a cork just when

you need it on a wet day? I have seen

has thousands of feet of mountain, but we have

no better way of making the baby swallow

the dose of de la by helius' nose, same as

Eve held Cain's and Abel's in de begun."

"My friends, I did not come here to expatiate

on your wisdom and education. I came to

show you a little of the progress of science.

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—THE—

"Boss Clothier!"

—AND—

TAILOR-MADE

SPRING OVERCOATS!

—AT—

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—THE—

"BOSS CLOTHIER."

—AND—

COME AND SEE THEM!

Feb 23, 1883—d&wt

An Elegant Assortment

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"BOSS CLOTHIER."

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CARPETS

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We challenge any house west of New York to

compete in Patterns, Colorings, Quality and

Price, with our

NEW SPRING STYLES

of CARPETS, WALL PAPER, DECORATIONS

and CURTAINS.

Why pay the high prices asked by small deal-

ers for goods that are shelf-worn and out of style,

when at ABEL & LOCKE'S you can save money

and have an immense stock of brand new pat-

terns, selected from the largest manufacturers

and importers, to choose from?

Remember that we are the only Exclusive

Dealers in this line in Central Illinois.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS

VIENNA BREAD.

The Genuine Article manufactured every

day at

A. O. Brewer's Bakery

25 North Main Street.

I have in my employ a first-class baker, who

has had long experience in baking all kinds of

bread, and I have at large expense

fitted my oven for baking the justly cele-

brated Vienna Bread.

Try the Vienna Bread and you will say it is

the finest you have ever eaten.

My Wheat and Rye Bread and Boston

Bread is still up to the excellent standard

cases for parties and festive furnished,

and a fresh stock always on hand for family



THE

Annual Clearing Out Sale

HAS BEGUN NOW,

And will last until the Arrival of

Our Spring Stock.

THIS MEANS

BARGAINS!

—WITH—

"Cheap Charley."

KAUFMAN & BACHRACH, Manufacturers of Clothing.

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Manufacturers of

MEN'S AND BOYS'

Clothing!

Dealers in

Goods for Men's Wear,

Cor East Main & Water-sts

DECATUR

Factory—Chicago, Illinois

Not wealth, nor birth nor rank for state,

EVERY ONE SHOULD LOOK

—AT OUR STOCK OF—



GOLD AND SILVER
WATCHES!

Before They Decide Upon a Watch

Do your looking around, then call upon us, and we will show you more Watches than you can see in the Consolidated Stocks of Decatur. We have all kinds—

ROCKFORD, HOWARD,
HAMPDEN, SPRINGFIELD,
ELGIN, WALTHAM,
AND FINE FOREIGN GOODS BESIDES.

We are enabled to sell you ANY WATCH 10 to 20 per cent. lower than you can get them in Illinois, because we get "DISCOUNTS FOR QUANTITY" that few dealers do. Our discounts from the manufacturers are as great as any of the larger city jobbers get, and our expense of doing business being a great deal less than theirs, WE CAN SELL ANY WATCH FOR LESS MONEY AND MAKE MORE NET PROFIT THAN THEY CAN. Again we ask you to see our line and get our price on any Watch you may think of buying.

Respectfully,

O. E. CURTIS & CO.,
LEADING JEWELERS.

Feb 3-14&wt

SPECIAL CHEAP SALE
For Two Weeks Before Invoicing.
WILL MAKE SPECIAL PRICES ON ALL GOODS

CLOAKS, DOLMANS, SHAWLS and WINTER
MILLINERY at half value.

Large Lines of HAMBURG, SWISS and NAIN-
SOOK EMBROIDERIES just received. New and
beautiful styles.

All go into the Cheap Sale for two weeks. Now
is the best time to buy. Remember

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

20 East Main St., Powers' Block.

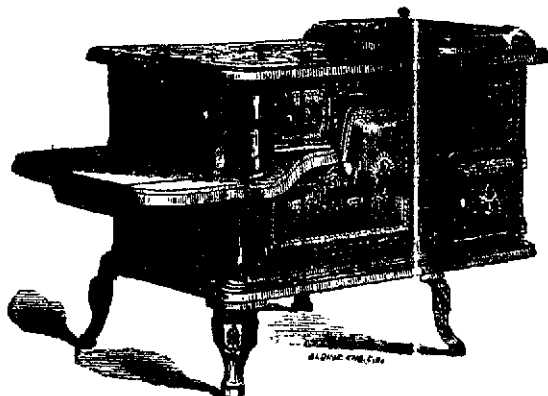
Jan. 29-14&wt

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13 EAST MAIN ST. THROUGH TO 9 WATER ST.
Wholesale and Retail Boots & Shoes.
LARGEST STOCK. LOWEST PRICES. BEST GOODS.
L. L. FERRISS & CO., DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

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B. W. DILLEHUNT.

NEW STORE--NEW FIRM.



Ferguson & Dillehunt

Having taken the room lately occupied by the Decatur National Bank,
NO. 13 WATER STREET, and having remodeled and refitted the same,
have opened a Full Stock of

HARDWARE!

TINWARE, CUTLERY, CARPENTERS' TOOLS, &c.

Also a full line of STOVES, including the unexcelled

Champion and Champion Monitor Cook Stoves

For which we are the Sole Agents in Decatur.

ROOFING AND SPOUTING DONE TO ORDER.

We respectfully ask a share of public patronage.

Feb. 22-14&wt

FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.
For week, payable to Carrier, \$15.00
One year, in advance, \$7.00
Six Months, " 4.00
Three Months, " 2.00

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 24, 1883.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are requested to announce CHARLES C. RADCLIFF as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

WALK IN and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at

E. D. BARTELOMEW & Co.'s.

CALDWELL has the best hard coal in market. P. O. Block. 24&wt

See "The Tourists" to night.

No markets to day. Wires down again.

JUBILEE to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

It's about time the trees in the city park were trimmed.

WILSON BROS' Shirts made to order at R. Stine's.

The gas well at Bloomington has flickered out. Ohio parties sunk a good deal of money in it.

ORDER Decatur coal, Nut or Lump of Caldwell, P. O. Block. 24&wt

OWING to the bad weather this morning Rev. Harrison did not go to Morrisonville. Sensible.

Mr. OLIVE and Barclay coal delivered to any part of city, at \$2.25 per ton, by Ed. Martin. Jan. 6-dit

The Decatur "Bands of Hope" will meet on Sunday at 3:30 p. m., at the usual meeting place.

Smoke into Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars—a nickel each. Sold by all first-class dealers.

GIVE Stookoy & Peniwell a call at their new grocery store in opera block. Prices low and goods delivered free of charge.

At Macon Dan Shields has secured about two hundred signers to the pledge, and he has been speaking there only since Tuesday night.

For a fine and elegant hot roast, go to Dan's Bank to-morrow, from 10 to 12. 21-46

RAIN commenced falling plentifully last night, and there was quite a sprinkle this forenoon. Temperature chilly. Bad day for business.

ALWAYS fresh and home-made—Harry Miller's Caramels, Butter Scotch, double strength Horehound, &c. For sale by all first-class dealers. nov-4&wt

INSTEAD of going to the Illinois-Michigan-Indiana-Wisconsin and state of Chicago fair next fall, Decaturites generally say they will take in the St. Louis exposition and help get up a booming county fair.

NEW YORK Saddle Rock oysters, big fat fellows, in every style, at Miller's lunch room, on Prairie street. 21-4&wt

MANY of the leading breeders and growers of fine blooded stock in Central and Southern Illinois will make their exhibits next fall at the St. Louis fair, rather than ship it to the horse race at Chicago, misnamed a "State Agricultural (?) fair." So said one of our stock men on the street to-day.—Springfield Post.

ONE of the Haines Bros. pianos, sold by C. B. Prescott, went into the home of Mr. K. Harwood last evening. It was one of the handsomest instruments in the parlor.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoekins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21&wt

ROLLER skating to-night and Saturday night. Matinee Saturday afternoon. All invited. THERON T. VAN ALLEN. feb23-4&wt

BRO. JAKE HOOFSTETTER, the temperance agitator, is coming to Decatur on March 1st to wage war against whisky. Mr. M. P. Murphy received a letter from Mr. H. this morning. The crusade will commence in earnest at the tabernacle on the date named.

For a fine and elegant hot roast, go to Dan's Bank to-morrow, from 10 to 12. feb21-46

D. H. HEILMAN, the grocer, has had a splendid new delivery wagon built by Kramer & McClelland. The outfit is "a darling" in appearance. As soon as the mud disappears the wagon will be brought out of the shop for use.

MINCE MEAT, Horford's self-raising baking powder, and all grocery specialties, on sale at Pope & Bros. in opera block.

ORDER a fine set of light harness made at J. W. Tyler's store, south side of the city park.

THE popular "Blower" hand made, clear Havana filler, five cent cigar, is made by Keck & Weigand, East Eldorado street, who also manufacture the famous "10-er" and "Keystone" cigars. feb23-4&wt

THE measles came some trouble in Wheatland township. L. R. Bickler says he has had all of it he wants. His wife and five of his children were taken with the disease at one time, and all were down sick in one room. Mr. S. states that nearly every body in the neighborhood east of his farm has the measles.

LINN & SCROONE have made another great reduction in fine French dress goods. feb13-4&wt

BEWARE of imitations of L. L. Ferriss & Co.'s Corn Cure. None genuine without their name on every bottle. It is warranted to cure every time. Price 25 cents. Sept16-4&wt

MR. I. LOD, 780 22d street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters is the best thing I ever used. Four bottles restored my strength." 23

PRESIDENT Metz informs us that anniversary exercises will be observed at the hall of the Decatur Turn Verein on Sunday, which will doubtless crowd the hall with members of the society. Capt. Reib-same, of Bloomington, will deliver the principal address. Says the *Photograph*: "Captain Reibsame will deliver the oration of the day at the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Decatur Turn Verein society on next Sunday at Decatur. Captain Reibsame is a leading member of the Turner society in this city and has his heart in the work, and doubtless he will give them a good speech.

Fresh country butter and eggs on sale every day at Niedermeyer's grocery on the mound.

going about \$600.

To-night Mr. Louis Floury, the clothing merchant, will go to Chicago on business, and to have an attachment served upon Hermann, the sleight-of-hand trickster who visited Decatur some months ago, and during the entertainment at the opera house ruined a fine silk hat which Mr. Floury was kind enough to loan him. Hermann tapped the top of the hat too hard with his wand and the crown was broken. Mr. Floury and the magician had a few hot words on the stage that night, but the visitor got away without making good the damage done. Hermann is giving entertainments this week in Chicago, and Mr. Floury will leave for that place to-night, and with the necessary legal papers he will bother the magician until he is compelled to put up \$6.00 and costs. It's a very chilly day when a Decatur man gets left.

Done and Going West.

Clinton item: A colony of 62 persons left Wayneville yesterday afternoon for Aurora, Nebraska. They occupy twenty-two cars with household goods, farming implements, stock, etc., and two coaches for themselves. They are all well-to-do people, and will be missed from Wayneville.

Pontiac item: At a meeting of Dakota seekers this week, at Pontiac, resulted in about 120 signing the articles of agreement and 25 cars of freight subscribed for. The time fixed for starting from Pontiac is March 15th. A committee, consisting of G. R. Beah, J. W. Bruner, E. S. Vorhees, and others, were appointed to conclude arrangements with the railroads. The Illinois Central was not ready to give rates.

Death of F. Pitt Hardy.

The many Decatur friends and acquaintances of F. Pitt Hardy will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred on Friday afternoon at Lovington. The deceased was afflicted with a cancer and was aged about 45 years. Mr. Hardy came to Decatur in 1867 and before and during the war he was engaged in the dry goods business. A brother of the deceased, Gus F. Hardy, is a lieutenant of a company of the 116th Ill. Vol. and received a mortal wound at the attack on Vicksburg. Of late years Mr. Hardy has been residing at Lovington and was a frequent visitor to this city until a few months ago. He was a quiet, unassuming man and a good citizen. The funeral took place at Lovington this forenoon and this afternoon the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, this city.

"Fun in a Palace Car."

To-night "The Tourists" will appear at the opera house, to the stage of which they will transfer their Pullman Palace car. This excellent company appeared at Springfield Thursday night, and the *Journal* of yesterday said:

"The Tourists' merry troupe of Tourists made their first appearance in Springfield at the opera house last night, and presented their very amusing comedy, 'Fun in a Palace Car.' The performance was a highly pleasing audience. The Tourists are a jolly band of comedy folks, each one of them an artist, and they give one of the most laughable performances ever witnessed on any stage. 'Fun in a Palace Car' is a musical comedy without any plot whatever, but it furnishes the Tourists ample room for the display of talent as comedy performers. In the scene showing the interior of a Pullman Palace car, the Tourists introduced their specialties, all of them very entertaining and of a high order.

Died at a ripe old age.

Mrs. Mary Sanders, who for many years has been a pensioner of the war of 1812, died on Friday at her late home in Long Creek township, aged 87 years. A few days ago the old lady fell upon the ice and received severe internal injuries which caused her death. She was a remarkably well preserved woman, and was well known in the community where she had lived for many years. The remains were taken to Mt. Zion to-day for burial.

Popular Prices for the Grand Operatic Concert.

The local management has made a great effort to induce the representative of Mme. Minnie Hank to make what we consider a wise change in the original announcement—that is, to make the reserved seats one dollar, instead of one dollar and fifty cents, as charged in all other cities. This should be welcome news to our music-loving people, and a large advance sale should be the result. It is seldom Decatur has such an opportunity to hear one of the greatest prima donnas of the age; therefore we anticipate that on Thursday evening the opera house will contain the most brilliant gathering of the season, the more especially as the price has been arranged so as to come within the reach of all; that is, admission, \$1.00, 75 and 50 cents, with no extra charge for reserved seats. The sale opens at Curtis & Co.'s on Monday morning.

This afternoon, before Justice Curtis, Mr. J. L. Fenton obtained judgment by default on notes against Thos. Benton for \$400 and costs. This amount Mr. Fenton alleges is due him for rent of land 10 or 12 years ago. The other day Mr. F. had Mr. B. arrested on a charge of making way with some corn belonging to him, but the case did not hold good because of the limitation clause in the statutes.

BEFORE Justice Albert yesterday Jennie Cooper and John Smith were fined \$10 and costs each. They were charged with being inmates of a bawdy house on West Cerro Gordo street, in the 2d ward.

THE Morelos and Naples bridges on the Wabash road, west of Jacksonville, have been undermined and rendered unfit for use by the floods. The breaks will be repaired as soon as possible.

THE "White Slave" performance, at the opera house Tuesday night, will be a fine dramatic treat. The company is one of the very best on the road, and the scenery will be grandly beautiful and effective.

MR. LINN, who is now in New York purchasing Spring Goods, is sending forward desirable goods for the present season. feb23&wt

Regular meeting of Section No. 184 of Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance and work. A full attendance is requested.

W. L. SHADE, President.

Special convocation of Macon Chapter Royal Arch Masons Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, for work on R. A. degree.

J. S. McCLAND, H. P. 2d

J. C. HOEFER, Sec.

Have your measures taken at B. Stine's for Wilson Bros' Shirts. 14&wt

The Jersey Lily.

Decatur was represented at Springfield last evening by Manager Haines, C. A. Ewing, Mrs. James Millikin and Mrs. O. E. Curtis, who attended the entertainment at the opera house, when Mrs. Langtry, the "Jersey Lily," appeared as *Heater Grazebrook* in "An Unequal Match." There was a good-sized audience present. Manager Haines was extended generous courtesies by the management. He arrived home this forenoon by way of Lincoln. He was very favorably impressed with the appearance and acting of Mrs. Langtry, whom he describes as very handsome and bewitching in her manners. She dresses splendidly, makes a generous display of diamonds, and in brief it may be said that "she travels on her shape and beauty," while she gathers in the American dollars. The manager accompanied the party from Springfield to Lincoln on their way to Peoria, and says he thinks that the Lily will visit Decatur next season.

"Trouble in de Church."

It is reported there is war among the members of three different religious societies round about Milmine, and a nervous party says he fears that there will be hair pulling and perhaps some thumping there on Sunday. It appears that there is an old school house at Milmine which was purchased some years ago by the Milmine people as a general meeting place. Recently Elder Gregory went to Milmine and began holding a series of meetings in the school house. He succeeded in organizing a branch of the "Church of God." There are also in the community societies known as the Dunkards and New Lights. Being common owners of the meeting place, there is naturally more or less disagreement about the possession of the school house. It is stated that each of the societies named has announced that services will be held in the same hour, 11 o'clock on Sunday. The result of the apparently inevitable collision cannot be anticipated. Two of the societies will have to knuckle under, or there will certainly be trouble in the church.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Lawyer W. T. Cusins is registered at the New Deming.

Robert McClelland, the energetic coal dealer, is confined to his home by illness. Will and Berry Ennis started for Harvard college at Cambridge, Mass., on Thursday night.

Mrs. Ruth Krone, who is in the 86th year of her age, is ill with slight prospect of recovery.

Miss Dora Wyatt, of Riverton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Willoughby.

Frank Liebhart, the talented representative of Strobel & Wilkin, of Cincinnati, is in the city.

Mrs. Joseph Orr, of Argenta, returned home yesterday from a visit to relatives at Coshocton, Ohio.

Miss Blanche Replogle, of Cerro Gordo, was the guest of Mrs. L. B. C. Leffingwell yesterday.

John Freeman is home from Springfield where he has been on duty as a juror in the U. S. Court. His time will probably expire three weeks hence.

W. W. Wilcox attended a fashionable party given by the Halcyon club at the Ashley house at Bloomington Thursday night.

Born—To Mr. J. C. and Mrs. E. J. Williams, of East Wood street, on Friday—a ten pound daughter. Mr. Williams is a salesman at Skelly's grocery store.

Miss Jessie Howes, of Springfield, was in the city last evening, the guest of Miss Neva Stuart. She left for St. Louis this morning.

The members of the "Tourists" company, J. N. Long, of San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. E. Ferry, of St. Louis, are among the many arrivals at the St. Nicholas to-day.

Dr. A. B. Small was called to Mt. Zion to-day to consult with Dr. Booth at that place with reference to the condition and treatment of Mr. Goff, the stock buyer, who is thought to be dangerously ill.

Will Barnes is at Harvard College, fitting himself for the medical profession. One of these days Will will be a full-fledged M. D., and may sling out his stethoscope in Decatur.

John Irwin has been in Chicago this week, attending the annual meeting of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid. Mr. Irwin was elected grand treasurer of the order. He will arrive home to-night.

Senator Rogers arrived home last night from Springfield, and intended going to St. Mary's seminary, near Terre Haute to visit his daughter, Miss Effie Rogers, who has been ill for several days, but he missed the train.

Macon Independent: On Wednesday last Mr. Jacob Frick and family left Macon for their new home in Carthage, Mo. We are sorry to lose so good a citizen, but trust he never will have cause to regret his removal.

MR. PULASKI CITIZEN: Mrs. E. C. Leighton, of Decatur, is in the city visiting Mrs. J. F. Frailey and Mrs. James Goff. Mrs. L. will start for Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 1, with the intention of making that city her future home.

A Musical Treat.

The noted Minnie Hank grand concert company will give one entertainment at the opera house next Thursday evening, and all Decatur lovers of fine music should attend it. A Chicago paper speaking of Miss Hank says: "The cause of her remarkable success is to be found less in the brilliant rendering of difficult passages and in those extravaganzas of the art of singing which a spirited musical critic once called 'sky rocketing,' and which brilliant as it may be, capitulates for the moment only. The merits of Minnie Hank are her perfect method, the beauty, volume, freshness and velvety quality of her mezzo-soprano voice. She possesses none of the drawbacks which has marred the success of many other celebrated singers. Her voice is rich and pure throughout its entire register, and its great force lies in the middle register, where the voices of others generally fail. She is known for the purity of her intonation and the astonishing ease of her singing, which made her, during her four years stay in Vienna, as the leading artist of the imperial opera house, the acknowledged best interpreter of Mozart's music. Ludwig Spender, the great Vienna critic, among others, compares her voice in that respect to Patti's, and there is indeed a great similarity between the voices of these two artists."

SEEKING SALVATION.

Penitents at the Altar—Announcements for Sunday Services.

Standing room at the First M. E. church was again at a premium last night when there was a repetition of the Harrison revival services that have caused general and unabating interest. There were 47 seekers at the altar and about a score of conversions. On Sunday there will be a union meeting of the classes at Stapp's Chapel, and at 10:40 Rev. W. H. Musgrove will preach. The union jubilee meeting over 1300 conversions will be held at the Chapel at 3:30 o'clock. The early meeting and the revival service will be held at the First M. E. church Sunday evening.

There was a crowded congregation at the United Brethren church last night, and the altar was crowded with seekers. Rev. J. A. Young, of Elvin, who commenced his religious work when but 11 years of age, and is now 23, delivered the exhortation, and after the invitation went among the people and personally invited the serious ones to make a start. "The Boy Preacher" is an earnest worker. He has a good voice, speaks without notes and is an excellent singer of revival hymns. Thus far there have been 18 conversions at this church. The revival services will continue during next week. Rev. Trucloud and Rev. Young will preach to-morrow. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Graham preached at the Baptist church last night. A large congregation was present. Regular services to-morrow. Services at the Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Subject of morning discourse: "Lessons from the Destruction of Sodom." Session meets at 9:30 a. m. in the lecture room to receive members. Sunday school at 2 p. m. All cordially invited.

Services at Jones' Chapel at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor. Instead of the usual evening service there will be a Sabbath school concert. A very interesting programme has been prepared. Sabbath school at 9 a. m.

The protracted meetings at the Christian church are to be continued. The interest is increasing, and through the efforts of Elder Pinkerton many persons have united with the church.

In memoriam.

DIED—Lulu Davis, daughter of A. T. and Mary A. Davis, at the home of her parents in Long Creek township, Feb. 20, 1880. Born July 9, 1862, the deceased was in her 21st year. She had been a faithful Christian from childhood, having been converted when but eleven years of age. At that time she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and remained a steadfast member until she was called to unite with the church triumphant. Here was a religion that penetrated her daily life and shone forth constantly in her conduct and character. Though early called to close her earthly probation her gentle spirit passes fully prepared to the society of the blest. Her many relations and friends, while they miss her serene and patient face, her kind and cheerful words, will ever feel the gentle drawing of another dear tie that binds them to the better world.

A New Secretary.

The Decatur Y. M. C. A., through the board of directors, have engaged Mr. D. L. Temple, of Baraboo, Wis., to become the general secretary of the association here. Mr. Temple has accepted the call and will soon enter upon his work in this community. Mr. T., who is a single man, and abundantly able to take care of himself, is very highly recommended by State Secretary Lewis, of Wisconsin, and by State Secretary Brown, of Illinois. He will be quite an important acquisition to the work here, and his coming is anxiously waited.

DECATUR citizens interested in the Missouri land purchase held a conference at the city hall last night and heard the report of the committee, Messrs. C. P. Thadler, V. Barber and Mayor Waggoner, who visited Crawford county and went over a part of the land. It was represented by the committee that the land is not as good as Macon county land, and that while it can be had at a very low price, still it would not be wise at this time to put any money in it. Mr. Lower went with the committee to look at the land. It was the first time he had seen it and he coincides with the view of the committee. Being personally ignorant of the character of the land, of course none of the parties interested criticized Mr. Lower. Their confidence in him is strengthened by their dealings with him.

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At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua G. Purdew, in Wheatland township, on Feb. 22, 1883, at 6 p. m., by Rev. W. L. Bankson, Mr. WILLIAM H. COX and Miss ELMIRA A. PURDEW, both of Elvin, Illinois.

The wedding was attended by about fifty relatives and friends of the families. A splendid old-fashioned repast was served. The bride was becomingly attired in a beautiful electric blue silk dress, trimmed with lace. The ornaments were fresh rose buds. The affair was held on Friday, at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cox, who reside on the Leiby farm. It was very largely attended. The gifts to the couple embraced the following articles: Silver casket, J. S. Woods and wife; silver sugar bowl, Misses Lina and Tillie Davidson; crystal fruit dish, L. W. Widick and wife; glass tea set, Aunt Cal Nicholson; glass honey dish, Laura Ridgeway; wire hair brush, Theron Percude; autograph album, Gertrude Percude; set goblets, T. H. Hill and wife; set plates, D. K. Pound and wife; pair linen towels, L. M. Percude and wife; glass cake stand, Ida Cox; set napkins and set individual sets, A. K. Widick and wife; pair linen towels, Grandma Cale; set silver teaspoons, G. W. Cale; cedar water bucket, Mrs. Jennie Cale; bedspread, Mather Cox; berry dish and sugar spoon, J. A. Bell and wife.

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